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NMI STATEMENT AT THE TC SESSION

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM IS TRANSMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION
TO THE 45TH TC SESSION. SENATOR GUERRERO READ A JOINT
STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSMAN NAKATSUKASA AND
HIMSELF.

1. PRESIDENT LORENZO I. GUERRERO AND CONGRESSMAN PEDRO
T. NAKATSUKASA OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE REQUESTED THE UN TRUSTEESHIP
COUNCIL TODAY, MAY 15, 1978 TO INTERVENE, ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND THE PEOPLE
OF MICRONESIA, IN THE RESOLUTION OF WAR CLAIMS DAMAGE
SETTLEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE
UNITED STATES.
2. PRESIDENT GUERRERO AND CONGRESSMAN NAKATSUKASA TOLD
THE COUNCIL THAT "ONE PROBLEM OF INITIAL CONCERN TO
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THE PEOPLES OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND THE DISTRICTS
OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS IS THE
OUTSTANDING WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS THAT ARE YET TO BE
FULLY SETTLED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE
UNITED STATES." THEY SAID "WE ARE ESPECIALLY
MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TITLE I CLAIM UNDER
PUBLIC LAW 92-39, THE MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIM ACT OF

1971.

3. PRESIDENT GUERRERO AND CONGRESSMAN NAKATSUKASA TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT "BECAUSE OF THE AGREEMENT ENTERED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN 1969, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IS RELUCTANT TO OPEN NEW NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD FULL SETTLEMENT OF JUST CLAIMS FILED BY OUR PEOPLE." THEY ADD THAT FUTURE SETTLEMENT ON WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS BE IN THE FORM OF MONETARY COMPENSATION WHERE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS COULD BENEFIT DIRECTLY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE FLOOR LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE ACKNOWLEDGES THE COOPERATION OF THE US CONGRESS IN RESOLVING THE TITLE I CLAIMS AND INDICATED THAT THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH THE STIPULATION OF THE US CONGRESS' CONTENTION THAT RELEASE OF U.S. FUNDS, AS AUTHORIZED BY P.L. 95-134 BE CONTINGENT UPON CONTRIBUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AS PROVIDED BY THE U.S. LAW.

4. ON ANOTHER MATTER PRESIDENT LORENZO I. GUERRERO AND FLOOR LEADER PEDRO T. NAKATSUKASA OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE REQUESTED THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TODAY, MAY 15, 1978 TO EXTEND UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAM TO THE NEWLY FORMED COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS. THE PRESIDENT AND THE FLOOR LEADER REQUESTED THAT CERTAIN UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE INCLUDING DETAILING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND THE OPENING OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION OF NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS IN VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMS DEALING WITH SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS, BE EXTENDED TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS. SUCH EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS WILL ENABLE MARIANAS PARTICIPATION IN SUCH IMPORTANT AND BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS AS PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SEMINARS WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING FISHERY PROGRAMS, AND IN THE PROGRAMS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION ON ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP).

5. GUERRERO AND NAKATSUKASA ARE APPEARING TOGETHER WITH PETE TENORIO, THE LEGISLATURE'S SPECIAL ADVISOR IN THE 45TH TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION IN

NEW YORK.

6. TENORIO SENDS. LEONARD

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